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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kohichi TANAKA et al.  
Title: MOUSE DEFICIENT IN GLUTAMATE  
TRANSPORTER GLAST FUNCTION  
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR§ 1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
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I, Kohichi Tanaka, hereby declare:

1. I, Kohichi Tanaka, am an inventor of the above identified Application. My curriculum vitae is attached as **APPENDIX A**, including details of my experience and background.
2. I have read and understood the Office Action dated June 20, 2008, and particularly the Examiner's comments regarding the alleged obviousness for a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Watase et al. and Chitnis et al.
3. In response to the Examiner's above comments, I hereby provide the following information which demonstrates that it is, indeed, a surprising result that the method disclosed in this Application produces GLAST knockout mice having an intraocular pressure within a normal range ( not greater than 21 mmHg) and having at least 20% less retinal ganglions cells than a wild-type mouse.